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Letter To The Editor

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor
Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va. 24522

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

After some serious consideration and after talking to many other parents of school age children in Appomattox County I have decided to use this means to make public my feelings, as well as the feelings of all parents that I have talked to, about the opening date for Appomattox County Schools for the 1977-1978 school session. Up until about two years ago schools in our county and surrounding areas rarely opened prior to the uesday after Labor Day. There were many reasons behind such a schedule and many of these reasons still exist. Many of our students are still involved in farming, and as we all know, late August and early September is a time of harvest for many. Additionally, some students are involved in summer jobs which normally run through Labor Day such as life guards at area pools and lakes. Another reason for this schedule was that many families used this often times called "last week of summer", as a vacation week which runs through Labor Day. And I am sure that anyone you talk with can elaborate further about "the last week of summer" but I believe the above reasons are adequate.

When our school leaders decided a few years ago to change the school calander in Appomattox County they, in turn, decided to close schools three to five days at Easter or during the early Spring season for a Spring vacation. Since I am not too far removed from being a student myself, I know that this time off means a lot to our students as well as our teachers. However, for many working parents of our County with small children, this creates a burden of what to do with the children for a week. Many parents contract sitters for the summer months and have difficulties in finding sitters for just a single week at a time.

Lynchburg City School officials recently set school dates for the 1977-1978 school session. Those officials have decided to open schools there on Tuesday, September 6, 1977 "to increase first week attendance." There schedule for next year will give students two weeks off at Christmas (December 16 through January 3) and one week off at Easter (March 27-31). Their 1977-1978 school term is scheduled to end on June 15, 1978 which displeases many but could be changed by shortening either the Christmas and/or the Easter vacations.

When the Appomattox County School Board meets at its June meeting, the dates for the 1977-1978 school session will be set. I certainly hope this School Board session will consider the feelings of a majority of the parents of school age children of Appomattox County and open schools on Tuesday, September 6, 1977 rather than Monday, August 29, 1977.

Sincerely,
John D. Simpson, Jr
P. O. Box 561
Appomattox, Va. 24522

cc: Appomattox County School Board

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Monilson, Lynchburg, Amherst and Big Island Rescue Squads for their help in searching for the body of my husband William A. "Bud" Doss who drowned Sunday afternoon in the James River.

My special thanks to the Lynchburg Squad which recovered his body at 7:40 p.m. Monday evening.

I would also like to take this time to say what a horrible time it is when you are waiting for a loved one to be found who is lost as I lost mine. I can not help but wonder why the State can afford or appropriate money to pay personnel to do just about any job they can come up with, take a census, set on some committee; just any little job of which there are thousands; yet, they can not afford to pay personnel to man a rescue station around the clock and buy the necessary equipement for such a station. The men who do this job have to work their regular jobs and then do the rescue work on the side; hardly ever being thanked for risking their lives to help save another or in my case find my wonderful husband who was at the bottom of the James River.

All I can assume is the State and government officials have never lost someone like this and went through the pain and torture of waiting for them to be found. In my case as I am sure in many others, operations had to stop at dark Sunday night and were not resumed until 3:00 p.m. Monday after the volunteers had gotten off from their jobs. It only took four hours and ten minutes to find him; which means if they had been able to go ot at day break Monday they could have found him by 10:10 a.m. Monday morning.

I wish to tell the State and local officials that I sincerely hope a tragedy like mine never comes into their lives but; if it does then they wil wish and pray as I did for a Rescue Team which is on the job all the time and paid to do just that.

Thank you again gentlemen for risking your life to find my husband. I only wish I could thank each and everyone of you personally.

It is also very important to me that each of you know that he fell into the water; he did not dive in as I was misquoted as saying.

You were looking for and found a very wonderful husband and father.

Many thanks,

The Wife & Family of
William A. "Bud" Doss

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Looking To Our Future

Much has been said about "conserving" our natural resources or "preserving" our "heritage" with the implied message that change is somehow inherently bad. That someway we must put ourselves in a "time capsule" and return to those days of our forefathers which history has recorded so gently. True, we must never forget our roots for our forefathers brought to this country in most instances job skills and a flaming desire to take advantage of the almost limitless opportunities of these United States. We must look to them for our inspiration and our courage to meet the future. This is not easy in a world of big government, big unions and big business which promise everything because somehow we tend to forget just how important we are as individuals

The seemingly prevailing national philosophy seems to have taken a U-turn. No longer are we directed toward new and innovative methods of producing our way to a better way of life, but toward spending our way there. The days of our forefathers are gone forever, but let us look to the future with the same confindence and inspiration which provided our present in such abundance.

Our task in the future must be directed toward the proper management of our natural resources for the common good of our citizens. We cannot stop time and preserve all our present for our children and the generations to follow nor should that be our goal. If that is to be the case, we can expect catastrophic economic and social consequences in the future for ours will become a nation of consumers without production.

Technology has served us well as a nation by supplying the wealth and advancement that we have shared so generously with the rest of the world. Indeed, our heritage was made possible by technology; and I, for one, feel that our future is just as important as our past. Unlike the past, however, our future is in front of us and it is ours to make of it what we will.

William S. Slagle
Community Relations Manager
Virginia Fibre Corporation

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time donor was Billy Austin.

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OF FAITH AND WORKS

Lesson for May 8, 1977

Background Scripture: James 1:19 through 2:26
Devotional Reading: Psalms 40:1-8

Rev. Althouse

Protestant Reformer Martin Luther called the Epistle of James "a right strawy epistle" and openly regretted the fact that this letter had ever been included in the canon of the New Testament. Others have had a similar reaction. The reason for this unhappiness with James is to be found in the presumed conflict between Paul's teachings about "salvation through faith" and James apparent emphasis upon "works" instead of "faith."

The conflict seems obvious:

Paul: "*For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of law*" (Romans 3:28).

James: "*You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone*" (James 2:24).

Show me your faith

But the conflict is more apparent than real. The two scripture passages quoted quite out of context are not mutually contradictory. In fact, when we examine them more closely, we find that they are simply approaching the same truth from two different perspectives.

The problem is in the meaning of the word "faith."

For example, James asks us:

"If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?" (2:15).

What James is really saying here is that that kind of "faith" is not faith at all. The faith that is expressed only in cheerful words instead of helpful actions is not the faith that Paul speaks of in Romans. It is mere belief and there is a big difference between belief and faith. "Show me your faith apart from your works," challenges James (1:18).

The completion of faith

Two illustrations are used by the apostle. First, the example of Abraham offering his son Isaac upon the altar. It was not enough for Abraham to believe that this is what he was to do, but for him to be willing to act upon that belief. Because he was ready to follow his belief with action, James says, "You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by works..." (2:22).

The second illustration seem strange to us, but it is well suited for his point. Rahab was spared destruction, not just because she believed the messengers were from God, but because she acted upon that belief and "sent them out another way" (2:25). Thus, as with Abraham, it was not a matter of belief *or* works, but belief *and* works. These two together comprise *faith*.

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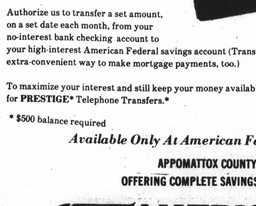

HOW TO SELECT FLOOR COVERINGS

Appomattox County Homemakers learned how to select and take proper care of floor coverings from Mr. Cliff Troutman. this meeting was conducted at The Carpet House.

Reedy Spring Church Sets Revival Services

Revival services will be held at Reedy Spring Baptist Church, Route 648, Spout Spring, beginning May 8th and continuing through May 13, 1977.

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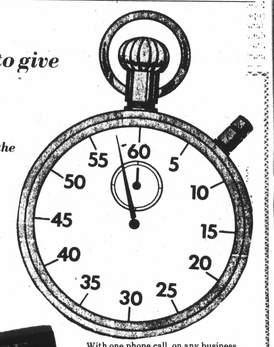

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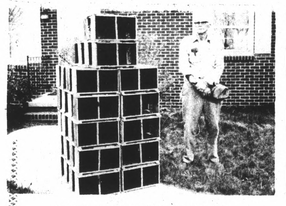

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VERNA THORNTON

The Friend I Lost

Verna Thornton, a student at Appomattox County High School, who is studying Social problems in her Sociology class and plans to Major in Social Work after college, composed the following poem.

In reality she hasn't lost a friend this way, but her inner feelings brought out how others feel to lose a friend or loved one by the misuse of drugs.

THE FRIEND I LOST

I remember when we were kids
And all the funny things we did
We shared all our hurt and fears
We even shared our tears
No matter what the weather
We were always together
But we grew up and time went on
We became young adults, nearly grown
We never knew we had to face
So many problems in this place
Even though I learned how to cope
Jamie, my friend, turned to dope
She started out just smoking marijuana
She told me to give it a try if I wanna
Then she started to use everything she touched
I tried to make her realize it was just too much
Day before yesterday she took an over dose
That was one thing I hated to see the most
The doctor told me that there was no hope
She had just had too much dope
Our last moments together
Why couldn't they've been forever
We remembered the fun in our years
We remembered the one and many fears
And as I remember yesterday
I am sad to say
We laughed, we cried
But yesterday she died.

By: Verna Thornton

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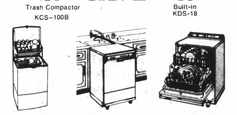

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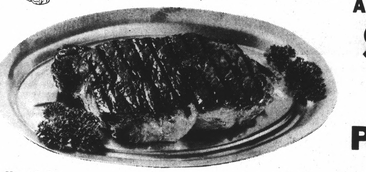

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